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Third Ashada Friday

VIPs, devotees throng Hill Temple

Mysuru, July 10 (MTY&DM)- Despite a ban on devotees to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on all Ashada Fridays, VIPs and a few devotees were present inside the Hill Temple this morning for *darshan* on the third Ashada Friday which was celebrated in a simple manner.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister K.S. Eshwarappa led the netas who included MP Pratap Simha, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and his family members, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and his family members, State BJP General Secretary M. Rajendra and other local leaders to have *darshan* of the deity.

Actor Darshan, who is said to have arrived in the city Mayor's car accompanied by Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, too had *darshan* of the deity.

The rituals on the third Ashada Friday began as early at 4.30 am with the performance of *Mahanyasapoorvaka Abhisheka, Rudrabhisheka, Archane* and other customary rituals by the Temple Chief Priest Dr. N. Shashisekhar Dikshit, Priest Deviprasad and other priests. After the rituals were completed with the performance of *Mahamangalarathi* at about 7 am, the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, in Durgadevi *Alankara* marking the occasion, was taken out in a procession inside the temple premises after which the temple was closed at about 8 am.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth and other officials were also present.

Devotees arrive previous night itself !

Despite the ban on devotees, a significant number of devotees were seen atop the Hill this morning. It is said that most of them, determined to seek blessings of the deity, had arrived at the Hill last evening itself and stayed for the night at the houses of their relatives or friends atop the Hill.

It may be recalled the District Administration banned entry to public on Ashada Fridays to Chamundi Hill and even closed all entry points to the Hill both road and steps. Yet devotees have found a loophole by arriving atop the Hill the previous night itself defeating the purpose of the ban.

The Fourth and the last Ashada Friday of this year falls on July 17. The Chamundeshwari Vardhanti is scheduled to take place on July 13 and the entry of devotees has been banned.

Arrested Yesterday

DEAD TODAY

- **Gangster Vikas Dubey shot dead while escaping**
- **PIL filed in SC fearing Dubey's killing hours before encounter**

Kanpur, July 10 (Agencies)- Gangster Vikas Dubey was killed in an encounter after a road accident this morning while being taken to Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh from Madhya Pradesh where he was arrested yesterday.

Vikas Dubey snatched the gun of a Policeman and tried to run but was surrounded, the Police said, asserting that they had tried to get him to surrender.

Just an hour short of Kanpur, the car in which Vikas Dubey was being taken overturned on the rain-slicked highway and he tried to escape, the Police said. He was shot dead, like many of his accomplices who, according to the Police, had also tried to escape from custody.

"The car overturned and Policemen and the accused were injured. Then Dubey grabbed a gun from an injured Policeman and ran. The Police team caught up and surrounded him and tried to get him to surrender, but he refused and started firing. The Police had to fire back in self-defence," the Kanpur Police said.

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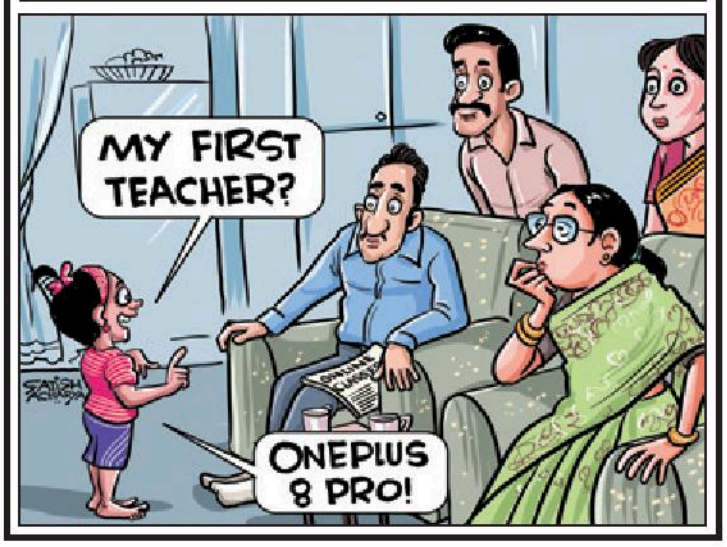
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



59, 52, 69 – 180 COVID-19 positive cases in three days

Mysuru, July 10 (MTY&BCT)- On Wednesday July 8, Mysuru reported 59 COVID-19 positive cases. Yesterday, July 9, 52 positive cases were reported and today, July 10, 69 cases have been reported. Since the last three days, a total of 180 cases have been recorded.

With today's 69 cases, the active cases will go up to 358. The cumulative positive cases in Mysuru stand at 710. The figures have to be confirmed by Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar in his daily evening media bulletin. There have been 16 deaths so far and the positive case list has 11 healthcare workers.

Yesterday, 14 persons have been discharged, taking the total discharged number to 336. Till last evening, there were 289 active cases and of them, 236 have been isolated in the designated COVID-19 Hospital and two women are in the designated Maternity Hospital at V.V. Puram. 14 persons have been isolated in private hospitals and 37 positive persons have been isolated at homes. Of the patients, 10 are in critical condition. The two death cases reported yesterday are from Udayagiri and from Ramenahalli in Mandya.

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To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Dr. Javeed Nayeem's article titled ***"Dr. N. Kannan: A Pioneer and a Perfect Gentleman!"*** **—Ed**

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

		Today	Yesterday
Positive cases	:	69	52
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	710	641
Total ACTIVE cases	:	358	289
Persons discharged	:	336	336
Deaths	:	16	14

Four positive cases reported from Mysuru Central Jail

Update: July 10, 2020, 2 pm

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Friday 10th July 2020

Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran pays Rs.10 lakh, adopts Zoo animals

Mysuru, July 10- The Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (P) Ltd, Mysuru, has adopted the animals of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens by making a payment of Rs.10 lakh.

In a press release, Mysuru Zoo has thanked Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran for adoption of Asiatic Elephants, Asiatic Lion, Bengal Tiger, Giraffes, Zebras, Chimpanzee and Southern White Rhinoceros under Animal Adoption Scheme for a period of one year from 9.7.2020 to 8.7.2021 by paying an adoption fee of Rs. 10 lakh under the Bank's CSR initiative.

"The interest shown by Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran since the last 5 years for adopting large mammals is commendable and their valuable contribution to this scheme will inspire other Corporate bodies and Charitable institutions for taking part in animal adoption scheme," the Zoo Executive Director said in the release.

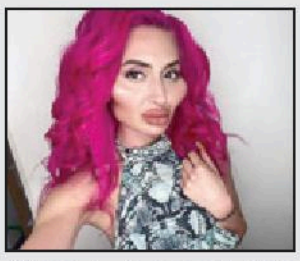
P.K. Biswal, Deputy General Manager, Ajith Kumar Karan, Assistant General Manager and N.G. Muruli, Manager, visited the Zoo on July 9 and received the adoption certificate after completing the formalities.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Happiness is a subject which has been researched and spoken and written about from time immemorial by scholars, philosophers, thinkers and writers. It is said that happiness is a state of mind which varies according to the person's nature in judging things at the given moment that makes him truly happy. There are people who feel happy by the way they look at life, face life's challenges, looking presentable, though being altruistic, optimistic, spending their time and money in social activities. On the other hand, we have people who derive happiness in acquiring materialistic things, presenting themselves in a larger than life picture with delusions of grandeur and bragging. Laughter is not a sign of happiness. It is being cheerful for a few moments. A comedy show, a joker in the circus or a funny movie can make us laugh for a couple of hours. But that is not happiness. It is just temporary cheerfulness that is brought to us by the influence of other people or things or actions. Happiness is within us. It has nothing to do with how much applause you get or how many people praise you. Happiness comes when you believe that you have done something truly meaningful by yourself, without any expectations from the people around you, or for that matter, from the universe itself. True happiness is something to be attained by the self and felt in your heart without the influence of any other person's deeds or benevolence, charity or sympathy. — *Philips John in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman gets giant cheeks after injecting with fillers



Odesa: A 31-year-old Instagram model from Ukraine recently made news headlines because of her bizarre addiction to cosmetic fillers, which she apparently likes injecting into her cheeks. Instagram model Anastasiia Pokreshchuk, decided that she needed cosmetic enhancements to achieve her desired looks. But instead of seeking a professional to carry out the procedure, the 31-year-old took it upon herself to inject her own face with hyaluronic acid. The model seems to be particularly interested in increasing the size of her lips and cheekbones, and despite having already "achieved" a bizarre look, she says she is not going to stop injecting even more fillers into her face.

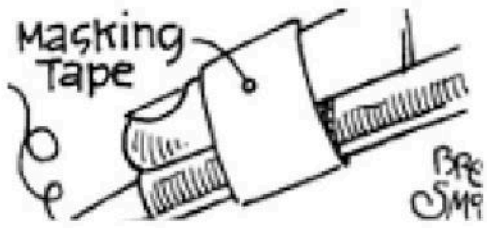
Precious stone that's actually a hardened car paint

London: Detroit agate, also known as fordite, looks like a precious stone that has formed in the Earth's crust over millions of years, but it's actually a man-made material dating back only a few decades.

Looking very much like a natural agate, the sought after Detroit agate actually consists of layers upon layers of enamel paint from old car painting racks in Motor City factories. Trapped in these layers of paint are decades of automotive history and unique, vibrant colors that we may never see on cars again. For example, the earliest pieces of fordite mainly consist of blacks and browns, the most popular automotive colors of the time, others have gray primer layers between the colorful ones, and some have shiny flakes of metallic paint. Because the hand-painting process has long been replaced by an automated one, Detroit agate is no longer produced, so the pieces that do exist are actually prized as actual jewels especially by automotive history buffs.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What can I do to prevent or relieve writer's cramp?



The act of holding a pencil or pen for extended periods can result in pain or numbness in the hand or forearm. To alleviate symptoms, simply tape the writing instrument to your finger. As shown this simple technique diminishes the muscle strain caused by holding the pen.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Calling MSMEs to apply for new UDYOG registration

Mysuru, July 10 (KS)- As the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of India, has changed the classification of MSME with effect from July 1, 2020, all MSMEs are now required to apply online to get the new UDYOG Registration Number.

The MSME classification till June 30, 2020 was based on investment on plant and machinery and entrepreneurs were getting multiple MSME registration numbers multiple times based on one Aadhaar number.

Now, all enterprises based on one Aadhaar number, GST number and PAN number shall be collectively treated as one enterprise.

According to the new classification, enterprises shall be classified as micro, small or medium enterprises on the basis of the investment of one plant and machinery and turnover of the unit.

Micro Enterprise: Investment for plant, machinery or equipment should not exceed Rs. 1 crore and the turnover should not exceed Rs. 5 crore (Rs. 25 lakh earlier).

Small Enterprise: Investment should not exceed Rs. 10 crore and turnover should not exceed Rs. 50 crore (Rs. 5 crore earlier).

Medium Enterprise: The investment for plant, machinery or equipment should not exceed Rs. 50 crore and the turnover should not exceed Rs. 250 crore (Rs. 10 crore earlier).

The MSME Council is providing the service to its members and the Council General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain has requested the members to make use of the service.

For details, log on to *www.msmemysuru.com* or call Mob: 99864-44654, according to a press release.

Really...?

- *Each red blood cell lives an average of 4 months and travels between the lungs and other tissue 75,000 times before returning to bone marrow to die.*
- *Honey enters your blood stream within 20 minutes of being eaten.*
- *Laughing lowers levels of stress and strengthens your immune system.*
- *All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes.*
- *Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Q: **What did the bald guy say when he was given a comb for his birthday?***

*A: **Thanks, I'll never part with it.***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.26
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.75
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.49
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.87

VOICE OF THE READER

Improve hygienic

conditions and stop possible spread of COVID-19

Sir,

In spite of the lockdown and keeping distances, the Coronavirus spread is not reduced significantly. In addition to these precautions, it may be necessary to take measures to avoid spread through air at breathing level.

The virus survives and multiplies when it reaches soft tissues of nose and throat. Hence in the breathing air, if there are soft tissue particles of meat, the particles can carry the virus and also help them to multiply.

Hence it is necessary to take measures to avoid tissue type of particles becoming air-borne. Garbage containing meat waste can be source of such particles which can get into air due to sun and wind.

To avoid virus becoming airborne to spread infection, it is advisable to take steps for safe disposal of garbage and improve hygienic condition in the environment. People need to be informed and the City Corporation must take necessary steps to keep the environment clean.

—Dr. M. C. Subba Ramu, Retired Environmental Scientist and Dr. C. Ningappa, Research Scientist

Mysuru
9.7.2020

Govt. made wise decision

in postponing JEE, NEET exams

Mysuru, July 10- The Government has made a wise decision in postponing JEE Mains, NEET and JEE advanced exams to September, said Dr. G. Sridhar, Founder of Deeksha.

Heeding to the demands of lakhs of students and keeping in mind safety of students and to ensure quality education, HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, as a precautionary measure, took a decision to postpone the exams to September. The students and teaching faculties too have welcomed the Government decision.

NEET-2020 was to be held on July 26 for 16.84 lakh registered aspirants and JEE Main exam from July 18 to 23 for more than 9 lakh students. As per the revised date, JEE Main examination will be held between Sept.1 and 6, JEE advanced exam on Sept. 27 and NEET on Sept. 13.

V. Karthick, who is into final year BBA said "It is indeed the right decision by the Government. The number of COVID-19 cases is increasing everyday and it was not the right time to have an exam. Now this decision by the government will give more time for students to prepare for the exams."

Obituary

Shaik Jameeluddin

Mysuru, July 10- Shaik Jameeluddin (Jameel Bhai), a resident of Subhash Nagar, 2nd main (near Mayraj Masjid) passed away yesterday at his son's residence in Ajman, UAE. He was 71.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at Ajman, UAE today.

ASI Krishnegowda

Hunsur: Krishnegowda, an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), attached to Bilikere Police Station and a resident of Ganganur village in the taluk, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the deceased's farm in Rampura village, K.R. Nagar taluk last evening.

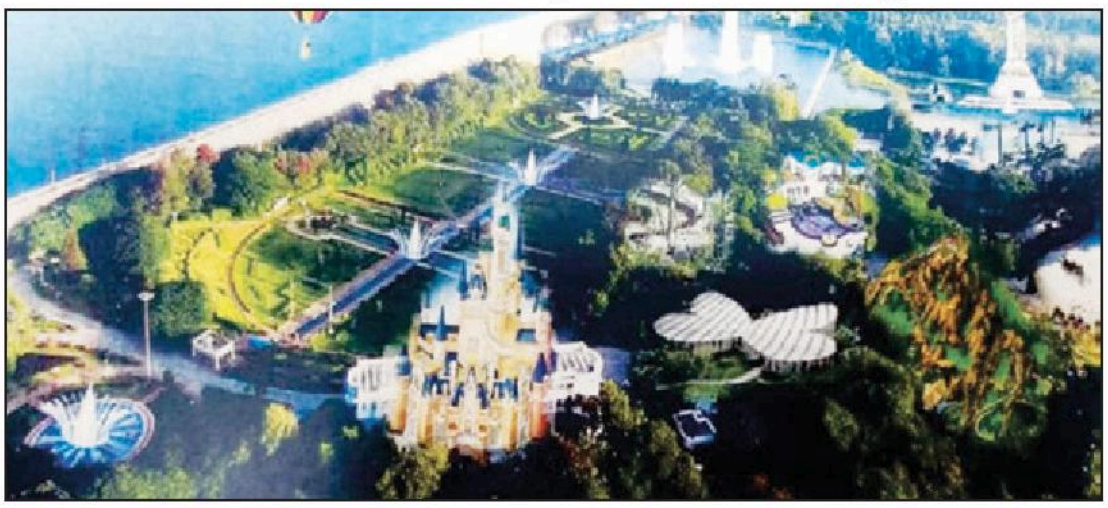
Thammannegowda

D. Thammannegowda (67), Administrative Officer of New Cambridge School and Sathya Sai ITI School at Hunsur, passed away at his farm house in Chikka Hunsur yesterday morning.

A former Registrar of Bangalore University, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farm in Sorekai Doddi village, Kanakapura taluk last evening, according to family sources.

Has COVID given a quiet burial for KRS Disneyland Project?



By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, July 10- The ambitious project of converting the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam and Brindavan Gardens into a Disneyland-like tourist destination is more or less junked as the State Government has put its entire machinery and resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government is silent on the issue mainly as one, the project is mired in controversy, two, farmers in the Mysuru and Mandya belt are opposing the dream project despite assurances that it will give jobs to the local populace and three, due to Coronavirus scare, the authorities might become a laughing stock if money is allocated to the project at this juncture.

Opposed to commercial exploitation

Apart from the farmers of Mysuru and Mandya belt, people in the know about the historical significance of KRS Dam, its glorious history and the amount of sacrifices the erstwhile Mysore royal family made to construct the Dam were opposed to the idea of Disneyland as the name 'Disney' itself meant commercial exploitation of a place that has natural beauty and fertile land.

It was a dream project of Congress-JD(S) coalition Government floated by the then Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh and backed by the then Water Resources Minister D.K. Shivakumar. Both the Minsters were strongly supported by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy under whom a Rs. 2,000 crore project was conceptualised.

Lure of jobs and economy

As soon as the word about the project reached public domain, stiff opposition to it began and the Government went ahead with initial plans, reports and consultations. To pacify the agitating people of Mandya and Srirangapatna, the Government said that fertile land will not be taken away from farmers as the Government itself has hundreds of acres of land. Authorities also came up with the idea of erecting a giant statue of Goddess Cauvery on a tall pedestal. Still, the protests continued. Not cowed down by the protests, the Government claimed that the project would provide employment to over 40,000 youths of Mysuru and Mandya. It had kept 400 acres of land reserved for the project and had drawn up plans to construct a tower that is higher than the Dam structure, a toll plaza, grand streets, statue of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, sculptures of Royal Bird Gandabherunda and other paraphernalia that promised an end-to-end tourist destination.

Eco-Sensitive Zone

Environmentalists opposed the project as Srirangapatna has been declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change and such destructive project was not allowed in the surroundings of KRS, Ranganathittu and the green pastures of Srirangapatna and surrounding areas.

As the Government was giving a final shape for the Disneyland project, the coalition satrap collapsed and BJP Government came to power. Though CM Yediyurappa had called a meeting on Aug. 4, 2019, it was not held due to some reason.

A quiet burial

After that not even a single discussion took place in the Government level regarding the project. This has made the authorities of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited that manages the KRS Dam to think that the Disneyland project has got a quiet burial. Now that the pandemic is all-pervading, the Government has focussed on saving people's lives rather than providing them entertainment in the form of the mega project.

Also, when the project was conceptualised, the then Opposition leader Yediyurappa had cornered the Government in the Assembly and said that the project was a waste of money and resources. He had alleged that the coalition Government had fallen victim to some powerful lobby. Now with Yediyurappa at the helm, he will not take the risk of launching the same project.

NEWS BRIEFS

Second PU results likely by July 20

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar said that the second year PUC (2019-20) results are likely to be announced by July 20. In a tweet posted on Thursday, Suresh Kumar said that many students and parents are asking him about when the results will be declared. He would like to reassure them that the results are likely to be announced by July 20.

Zoo Animals Adopted

B. Meena Appachu of Mysuru has adopted a Leopard, King Cobra and Love Birds of Mysuru Zoo for one year by paying Rs. 39,500 under its 'Animal Adoption Scheme,' according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

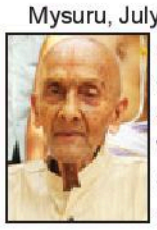
Elected Office-bearers

Nagachandra Basavanna Gururaj

N. Nagachandra has been elected unopposed as the new President of City's Saptarshi Souharda Credit Co-operative Society. The other office-bearers are Basavanna (Vice-President) and M.S.Gururaj (Hon.Treasurer), according to a press release.

Obituary

H.S. Srinivasa Raghavachar



Mysuru, July 10 - H.S. Srinivasa Raghavachar (93), former Principal of Sarada Vilas Teachers' College and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives, friends and students.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to sources.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	102.85 ft
Yesterday	101.60 ft
Inflow	13,724 cusecs
Outflow	1,637 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,269.95 ft
Inflow	5,386 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

City Pharmacists told to get ready with COVID-care kits

Mysuru, July 10 (RK&BCT)- With a surge in COVID-19 cases in cities like Mumbai and New Delhi, many private hospitals have begun care packages for Coronavirus patients who are in home isolation, offering remote monitoring by nurses and doctors and medical care kits that will help detect if their condition deteriorates. Such medical care kits, prepared by local pharmacists, are in huge demand as the number of people being put in home isolation is rising by the day.

50 pulse oximeters, 2,100 masks and around 500 hand sanitisers were donated to Mysuru City Corporation by Pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co., yesterday. Dr. Nagaraj, City Corporation Health in-charge and another official are seen receiving the much-needed material from Raghavan.

As if to prepare for the worst where there are no beds in hospitals and where COVID patients are treated at homes by doctors over tele-consultation, pharmacists in Mysuru have been asked to prepare COVID-care kits to be supplied to the patients.

At a meeting with city pharmacists yesterday, District Deputy Drugs Controller B.P. Arun asked pharmacists to keep such kits ready for disposal. The kits will contain a digital thermometer and an oxygen saturation metre for daily monitoring of the patient vitals, equipment for self test, N-95 and other masks, face shield, gloves, sanitisers, a pulse oximeter, a blood pressure machine and PPE kits.

Each kit will cost an approximate amount of Rs. 3,500 to Rs. 4,000. "The Government will decide on who should pay for the kits — whether to levy the amount from the patient or the Government itself will pay for them — but keep them ready for any eventuality in the future," Arun told pharmacists.

"Home isolation of those without risk factors and those who are comfortable, eating well, do not have breathlessness should stay home and isolate themselves in a room and use a separate bathroom. But monitoring is required by trained healthcare professionals and for this, the COVID-care kits are necessary," he explained. Arun added that pharmacies must wait for the order from the Deputy Commissioner on the sale and supply of such kits.

Assistant Drugs Controllers Nagaraj and Nazia, pharmacists N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co., Ramesh, Chandragupta Jain, Kumar, Babu, Arun, Zakaullah and others attended the meeting.

COVID-19 sample test centres in all Primary Health Centres: DHO

Mysuru, July 10 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration is exploring the option of opening COVID-19 sample test centres in all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in city as the infection rate is showing a northward trend.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. R. Venkatesh told reporters during an event at his office in Nazarbad yesterday that throat swab samples will be taken and tested at Primary Health Centres as they have a wider reach.

"As of now, the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (K.R. Hospital), the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road, Cheluvamba Hospital and the private laboratory in JSS Hospital are authorised to carry out the sample tests. Also, samples are being collected and tested at Taluk Government hospitals," he said.

Dr. Venkatesh added that steps will be taken to open more swab collection and testing centres from next week. He said that the District Administration was fully geared up to handle the rise in numbers. "Initially we had only one designated COVID Hospital. Now we have ESI Hospital, KSOU Extension Centre near Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, B.M. Hospital on Hunsur Road and Vikram Jeshta at Yadavagiri at our disposal as COVID-care centres. In case the number spikes further, we are planning to convert other Government facilities like guest houses as care centres," he said.

The DHO dispelled fear among Mysureans regarding the disease and asked them to be cautious. "We have been repeatedly asking people not to venture out of their homes unnecessarily, to wear masks, repeatedly sanitise and maintain social distancing. Infection spread can be curtailed to a large extent if the basic steps are followed," he added.

He denied reports of community spread of the virus in Mysuru. "Of course, the cases are increasing by the day so also the containment zones. We are battle-ready to face any situation," he said.

On the occasion, 'Shoe World' distributed over 150 multi-layered, washable and reusable masks, PPE kits, Sanitisers and Gloves. The shop proprietor Ravichandra, District Tuberculosis Control Officer Dr. Ravi, Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad, Health Education Officer S. Prakash and others were present.

Provision store burgled at Vidyaranyapuram

Mysuru, July 10 (YDS&KS)- Burglars, who gained entry into a provision store by forcibly opening the rolling shutter of the shop, have decamped with Rs. 10,000 cash from the shop on Wednesday night.

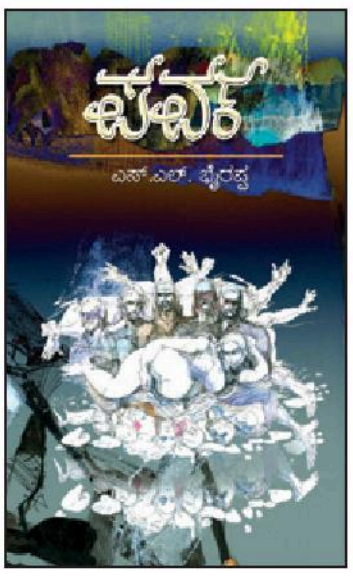
The burglary took place at Maruthi Provision Store of B.K. Ganesh located on Sewage Farm Road in Vidyaranyapuram.

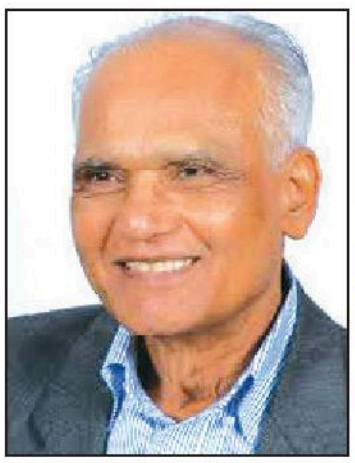
Ganesh, after closing his business for the day on Wednesday evening, locked the shop and went to his home and the burglary came to light when Ganesh went to his shop the next day morning to open it. He found the shutters of the shop forcibly opened and on inspecting the shop he found the cash missing.

Vidyaranyapuram Police have registered a case.

Rangayana to adapt Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's 'Parva' as a play; details worked out

Theatre personality Prakash Belawadi to direct the play based on acclaimed author's popular novel

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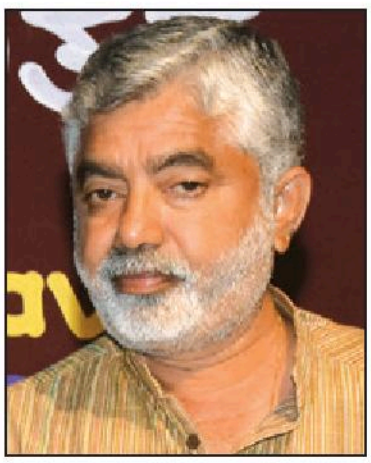

Addanda C. Cariappa

Mysuru, July 10 (MK&BCT)- Saraswathi Samman recipient and acclaimed Kannada novelist Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa will soon catch the imagination of theatre lovers as his novels will be adapted into plays at theatre repertoire Rangayana.

Though the novelist's works have been translated into English and many regional languages, Rangayana had not so far experimented on them as there was a prejudice that Bhyrappa is a right-wing writer. Though art and literature transcends the boundaries of caste, creed, sex, personal prejudices and religion and one cannot brand a writer as right wing, left wing or neutral, Dr. Bhyrappa was an anathema to many theatre activists, artistes and people who were in the forefront of theatre in Mysuru.

Dr. Bhyrappa hails from Mysuru and despite this, Mysuru's Rangayana never thought of adapting his novels as plays to reach the mass audience. Now with Addanda C. Cariappa as the Rangayana Director, things are moving in the right direction without any bias, vested interests or prejudice. Bhyrappa's novel 'Parva' will be adapted into a play and work has begun in this regard.

Rangayana has the distinction of bringing Kuvempu's 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam' and 'Malegalalli Madumagalu' into theatre and both the plays received tremendous response. Rangayana artistes said that this 'Parva' adaptation is an ambitious project and the nitty-gritty of the project has begun with the artistes examining the finer details in the novel.

After the first show at Rangayana, 'Parva' will be staged across the State including places like Shivamogga, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Chikkamagalur, Hubballi, Udupi, Chitradurga, Davanagere and other places.

Considering Dr. Bhyrappa's popularity and a wide reach – thanks to the universal appeal of his novels – artistes are sure that the 'Parva' play will be well-received.

Actor Prakash Belawadi, a multi-faceted personality who has created a niche in theatre, will direct the play. If COVID pandemic eases, the play will be ready to be staged during Navaratri. "It is an ambitious project and as promised to the audience during last Bahuroopi, we will adapt Bhyrappa's novel into a play. We will meet Bhyrappa and Prakash Belawadi soon and discuss the plans, chapters to be adapted, theme, overarching message and finer details," Rangayana Director Cariappa told *Star of Mysore*.

Dr. Bhyrappa's 'Parva' was written in 1979 and has entered 41st year. It has seen many reprints and is among the popular works of the acclaimed novelist. Recently, Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi had discussed about adapting 'Parva' into a play at a meeting of Ranga Samajas.

Booker Prize Winner

Aravind Adiga on 'Parva' plot

Aravind Adiga

Aravind Adiga, an Indo-Australian writer and journalist whose debut novel, 'The White Tiger', won the 2008 Man Booker Prize, describes 'Parva' in the following words:

"By the mid-1970s, the novelist's genius for detail — the smell of sandalwood soap on a lover's body, the toothache that distracts the hero, the tiger's skin against which the scholar rests to study the Vedas — and his ability to create memorable voices, especially for his women, were strengthened by a new interest in formal experimentation. In 1979, after having won the Sahitya Akademi award for 'Daatu', his novel about caste, Bhyrappa published the work that defines him for many readers: Parva."

"On the surface, it is an anthropological retelling of the Mahabharata, in which the Kurukshetra war is freed from mythology and magic and presented as an actual historical event, the novel is really a study of human character under extreme stress. Innovative in structure, 'Parva' is built around long interior monologues that are like arias; one by one, Bhyrappa enters into the minds of the major players, Pandava and Kaurava alike, to create complex, almost Cubist, character portraits," Adiga says.

"First we see Karna being stupid and lustful, goading the Kauravas on to rape Draupadi; then, we see him about to bathe in the Ganga, thoughtful and insecure, having just discovered that he is the illegitimate son of Kunti; now we see him in battle, a cold-blooded killer; and finally, as a man torn between his loyalties, who lets himself be killed rather than betray either side. Melancholic in tone — the world of the Mahabharata is coming to an end in every page — 'Parva' reads like a Hindu Gotterdammerung. Though Bhyrappa's characteristic failings are present here — repetitiousness and occasional verbosity — it is one of the most breathtaking of 20th-century Indian novels," Adiga adds.

Six-day Online Workshop on Film-Making from July 13

Mysuru, July 10 - The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, is organising 'Realising Silver Screen Dreams: A Roadmap', a six-day Online Workshop on Film-Making from July 13 to 18.

The workshop will cover different aspects essential for successful film-making namely, Music Direction, Acting, Story, Screenplay & Dialogue Writing, Lyric Writing, Choreography & Direction and Stunt Direction. The schedule is as below:

July 13: Topic - Music Direction, Resource Person - Sadhu Kokila, Music Director & Film Maker.

July 14: Topic - Acting, Resource Person - Sanchari Vijay, National Award Winning Actor.

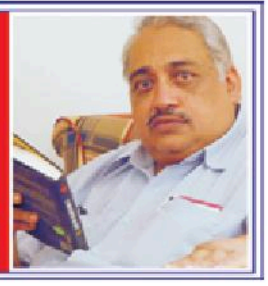
July 15: Topic - Story, Screenplay & Dialogue Writing, Resource Person - M.S. Ramesh, Writer & Director.

July 16: Topic - Lyric Writing, Resource Person - Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad, Lyricist & Director.

July 17: Topic - Choreography & Direction, Resource Person - Imran Sardariya, Choreographer & Director.

July 18: Topic - Stunt Direction, Resource Person - Dr. Ravi Verma, Stunt Director & Film-Maker. For details, contact Mob: 99725 - 42599, according to a press release.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Dr. N. Kannan: A Pioneer and a Perfect Gentleman !

In the recent demise of **Dr. N. Kannan** on 31st May 2020, we Mysureans have lost an iconic figure and one of the most well-known doctors from our midst. If I may jog people's memory a little, he was the first person to set up a Pathology Lab in our city, way back in the year 1968, in the Gayathri Bhavan building on Dhanvanthri Road and his tiny lab was called just that — **The Pathology Lab !**

Born in the year 1936 on the 10th of January, he too was a fighter like the American boxer **George Foreman** who was also born on 10th January but more than a decade later. But while Foreman fought tenaciously for boxing titles, our hero fought no less valiantly for principles and ethics in the practice of medicine. That is why after a very short but promising stint as a lecturer in Pathology at his Alma Mater the Mysore Medical College, Kannan decided to quit his very secure and sheltered job and ventured to launch himself in a tiny boat on the uncharted seas of running his own lab, guided only by the pole star of his own convictions.

Risky decision

What exactly were the circumstances that led him to take such a seemingly rash and certainly risky decision is something unknown even to his children. The true gentleman that he was, he preferred to remain silent about this part of his life to refrain from hurting the sentiments of his former colleagues. Surprisingly, I know about them because he used to on some very rare occasions, become sentimental and open up his heart before me and my late father during the many get-togethers we used to have along with a few other very senior doctors of our city in our home over some late night dinners.

My dad and he were very close friends. **The most amusing thing that he used to say was that it was the obstacles that others created for him when he was junior pathologist in government service which became the stepping stones to his stupendous success as a leading private pathologist !** I do not wish to lay bare here the details of what went wrong and what went right for him fifty long years ago as it is best if his secrets rest alongside his soul !

But what I can say with a very loud and clear voice is that he was a stickler for outstanding quality when it came to his work. That is why we all saw him sitting bent over his good old microscope and himself drawing the blood of every single patient that came to his lab and writing and signing every single report with his fountain pen, in bright blue ink! Yes, he did that, year after year and even a little painfully too, because of his advancing arthritis which too failed miserably in subduing his indomitable spirit and so decided to leave him to do his work!

It was also because of the pain of this affliction that stayed with him all through his life that he would often ask my mother for a blanket to wrap around his legs if he happened to sit in our garden chatting with my dad on wintry nights. The son of a Sessions Judge at Bangalore, Dr. Kannan graduated from the Mysore Medical College in the year 1960 and went on to complete his Diploma in Clinical Pathology from the Madras University in the year 1963. After his marriage to Romilla from Madras in the year 1962, he settled down at Mysore with his wife and his two sons Lakshman and Praveen Kumar and one daughter Shankari.

Well-versed in Kannada

The interesting thing is that although theirs is a Tamil speaking household, none of them, except the lady of the house, can read or write their mother tongue because they never studied it as a language in school, including Dr. Kannan himself who was educated in Bangalore! Whenever some of his relatives used to tell him with a sense of disapproval that this was not very right he used to proudly counter them with the argument that since Karnataka was his home State it was enough if he was well - versed in Kannada !

Dr. Kannan shifted his lab from Dhanvanthri Road to Irwin Road in the year 1971 and it stayed there till the year 1989. After his son Lakshman became a Pathologist himself and joined his practice, Dr. Kannan started the **Kannan Pathology Lab** on Sayyaji Rao Road in the year 1989. When his second son Praveen Kumar became a Radiologist and joined the venture, it became the greatly expanded and upgraded Kannan Diagnostic Centre. Uncompromising attitude towards accuracy made his lab outstandingly successful and a byword for pathology laboratory work not only in Mysore but with a reputation across the entire State.

He was a very strict disciplinarian and his sons say that he always advocated a very frugal lifestyle without any frills and show-offs. For a large part of his life, he drove his good old Ambassador car himself and if you stood anywhere on Irwin Road you could set the time on your watch by his arrival for work every morning. Your best and most expensive watch could err but he would not when it came to keeping time!

Soft heart

Many saw him as a very grim man but only the few very close to him could see the soft heart behind his frown. Money had almost no importance although it came to him unsought. Being very close to him for many years, I knew that he had helped many of his friends and relatives and many strangers too, without their asking, just by sensing their needs, and keeping no records! He would be most willing to waive off the charges completely for any patient who came to his lab with a look of anxiety about how he or she would be able to pay for the tests advised by their doctors.

Let alone giving discounts, he never ever charged a single rupee for the tests that he would do for the hundreds of doctors and their families who went to his lab with their faith and trust. **He was famous for this streak of professional courtesy which shone for miles around like a bright guiding beacon.** Thankfully, both his sons too turned out to be admirably solid chips of the same old block when it comes to this sterling quality and the high and uncompromising standards of their work.

Guiding spirit

When I salute their dad for inculcating his best values into them, I also compliment them both for so willingly accepting and upholding them as their guiding spirit. Dr. Kannan trod a path no one had trod in our city till he came on the scene and by facing the storms that he faced with courage and faith he proved that **'Calm seas never make capable sailors.'**

He practiced pathology actively, with great enthusiasm and vigour almost till his demise. **Every time we met, he would always tell me with a smile that all he wanted in life was to die with his boots on and he did just that ! His was a life well-lived and the rest his noble soul is getting now is a rest most well-deserved ! He was not only a pioneer in his field but a perfect gentleman too ! May his noble soul rest in eternal peace. Amen !**

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ASHA workers boycott work, begin indefinite Statewide stir

Mysuru, July 10 (RK&DM)- One of the chain-links in the State's battle against the deadly COVID-19 seemed to have broken today, as ASHA workers, who are among the frontline warriors, boycotted work and began an indefinite Statewide stir seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included payment of monthly honorarium of Rs.12,000.

Pointing out that there are 42,000 ASHA workers in the State, with 1,800 in Mysuru district alone, the ASHA workers said that they are being paid a paltry monthly honorarium of Rs. 4,000 despite being in the frontline battle against COVID-19 pandemic risking their health and lives. Despite several pleas, representations and memorandums to the State Government, the district administrations and people representatives over the past six months, the authorities have failed to fulfil their demands, which include monthly honorarium of Rs. 12,000, timely distribution of PPE kits to all of them and regularisation of services among others. As the Government has not paid heed to their just demands, they were forced to boycott work and stage an indefinite stir to draw the attention of the Government, according to AIUTUC State Secretary D. Nagalakshmi and AIMSS Secretary G.S. Seema, who are leading the stir in Mysuru. They warned that they would not return to work unless their demands are met.

Chamundeshwari and Uttanahalli Temples shut for devotees on July 13, 14 and 17

Mysuru, July 10 (RK&DM)- As a precautionary measure to stop the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the district administration has banned the entry of devotees to Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Tripura Sundari Amma Temple at Uttanahalli in the taluk on July 10, 13, 14 and 17.

In an order issued on Thursday, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that considering the safety and health of the people, the entry of devotees to both the temples has been banned on July 10 and 17 (Ashada Fridays), July 13 (Chamundeshwari Vardhanti) and the following day (July.14).

Pointing out that the previous June 6 order banning entry of devotees to Chamundi Hill Temple on Saturdays and Sundays will continue, the DC said that only residents of Chamundi Hill will be allowed atop the hill on these days. Also, entry of public and private vehicles (barring that of local residents and emergency services) are banned to the hill.

Sri Chamundeshwari temple covered with fog early this morning on the third Ashada Friday.

Likewise, the steps from the foot of the hill to the top is closed for devotees on these days, the DC said.

Abhiram G. Sankar further said that preparation and distribution of *Prasadam* is not permitted at the two temples until further orders. However, the temple priests can carry out the usual rituals in the presence of the temple staff, he added.

Woman depressed over daughter's death commits suicide

Nanjangud, July 10 (KS)- A 45-year-old woman, depressed over her daughter's death recently, committed suicide by hanging self at her house on Tuesday night.

The deceased woman is Netravathi, wife of late Shivakumar and a resident of 9th cross, Extension Layout here.

Netravathi's daughter Supritha had passed away recently following which she (Netravathi) had gone into depression and had consumed excess tablets about five days ago.

She was admitted to a hospital and was discharged after she had recovered. But Netravathi committed suicide on Tuesday night at her home.

Sub-Inspector Ravikumar and staff, rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to the Taluk Hospital where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

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Vikas Dubey shot dead

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"Vikas Dubey was injured and taken to hospital. He died during treatment," said the statement.

On the run since he organised the massacre of Policemen at his village in Kanpur last Friday, Dubey was arrested dramatically yesterday at the Mahakal temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

Hours before Dubey was killed, a plea was filed in the Supreme Court apprehending such an eventuality as some of his co-accused were already eliminated, showing "complete lawlessness". In a PIL, Mumbai-based advocate Ghanshyam Upadhyay sought a court-monitored CBI probe into the entire episode including the alleged encounter of Dubey's co-accused. During the hunt for Dubey and co-accused, five of his accused aides were arrested/caught and then killed by the Police in the name of encounter. Thus, there is every possibility that even Dubey shall be killed by Uttar Pradesh Police like other co-accused once his custody is obtained," Upadhyay feared.

180 COVID-19 positive cases

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Over 11 healthcare workers have been infected and yesterday's list had 11 primary contacts, 4 inter-State travellers, 3 inter-district travellers, 9 patients with Influenza-like Illness (ILI), 12 patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and 2 pregnant women.

Among the virus-infected persons in today's list are four cases from Mysuru jail. Other cases are reported from KRS village, T. Narasipur, Saligrama in K.R. Nagar, Vijayanagar Third Stage, Saragur Police Station in H.D. Kote, 9th Cross J.P. Nagar, Police Academy Mysuru, Soppinakeri, near N.R. Mohalla Police Station, Belavatha village, Gandhinagar, Lakshmipuram, K.C. Layout, Shakthinagar, Ramanuja Road, Udayagiri, Ramenahalli and Spatika Apartments in Mysuru.

Cases have also been reported from surroundings of MCC on Sayyaji Rao Road, Second Stage in Hebbal, Azeez Sait Nagar, Rajivnagar Beedi Colony, Fifth Block, Vasu Layout in Ramakrishnanagar, Second Main Metagalli, Kuvempunagar First Stage, West Cross Ashoka Road, Fourth Cross Mandi Mohalla and Soji Street on Ashoka Road.

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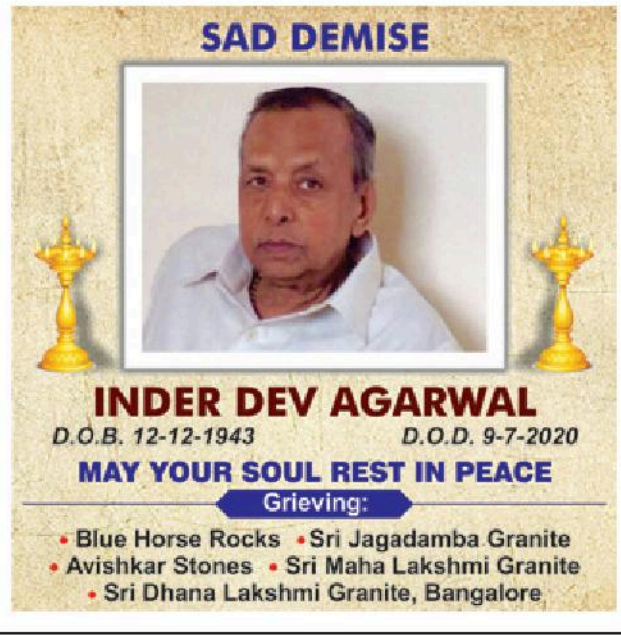
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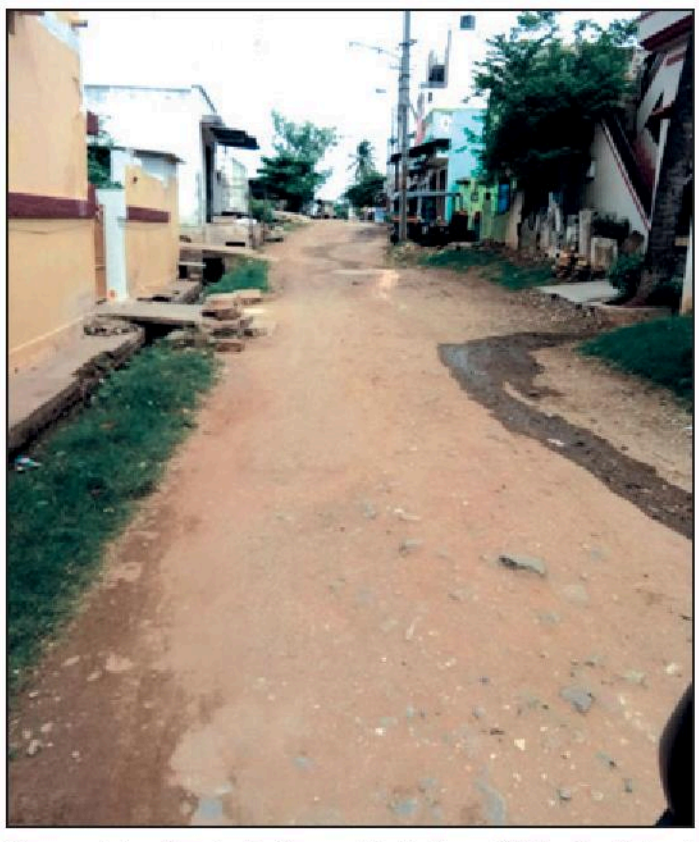
Construction debris still being dumped on KRS Road

Despite the authorities issuing warnings and also imposing fines on those who are found dumping construction debris on roadsides, it is still being dumped on the sides of KRS Road. During rains, the mud from the debris flows on the road making it slippery. Authorities concerned are urged to get the debris removed and impose fine on those who are found dumping it.

Plea to asphalt road in N.R. Mohalla



The road leading to Bettappa Thota from Siddartha School Road at AJ Block in N.R. Mohalla needs to be asphalted. The road was dug up to lay new UGD pipeline a few months ago and though the works are completed the road has not been asphalted making it difficult for the residents to move on the road especially during rains. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the road asphalted at the earliest.

SWR Mysuru constitutes Business Development Unit to boost freight traffic

Mysuru, July 10- To give a push to freight traffic and enable ease of doing business, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has set up a Business Development Unit (BDU).

This was set up on 2.7.2020 subsequent to the directives from Ministry of Railways (Railway Board). The focus of this multi-disciplinary unit will be to double the freight carried by Indian Railways.

Senior Divisional Operations Manager V. Satish will head the Unit which has officers from Commercial, Mechanical and Accounts Departments as its members. The Committee will act as a nodal point for interacting with existing customers and will reach out to new customers for achieving the stated goal.

At South Western Railway, headquarters, Hubballi, the Chief Freight Transportation Manager will be in-charge. In this backdrop, a virtual meeting with freight customers was organised by Mysuru Division on July 8. Major freight customers of the Division, namely JSW, Tornagallu (Iron and Steel sector) R. Praveen Chandra Co., & Vedanta Ltd (Iron Ore sector) Heidelberg Cement (Cement Sector)

and Gujarat Ambuja Exports Ltd. (Agri sector) took part in the meeting. The Convenor of BDU explained that the movement of items from the core sector — coal, cement, fertilizers — as well as food grains have been the key drivers for the growth witnessed in June and expressed confidence that stage is getting set for normal loading pattern.

Last year Mysuru division had surpassed the target and achieved all time high loading. With this background, expectation of Division is very high. Division is making all efforts to make good the decline in first quarter by fast-tracking indents and expediting placement of rake for loading. The Division is also taking measures to improve facilities in Goods Sheds. Detention has been under control and Goods rakes are being run at Maximum Permissible Speed.

In the past one month average speed has reached 45 Kmph as against 25 Kmph earlier. Target is to run all Goods trains at an average speed of greater than 50 Kmph with 'Safety First Approach'. Railways are creating enabling environment to make a shift of freight traffic from Road sector to Rail sector.

Iron Ore customers stated that poor demand could affect their loading vis-a-vis last fiscal year. They pointed out availability of higher grade material in Odisha & Jharkhand and proximity to Vizag as an ideal alternative in comparison to Sasalu in Mysuru Division; Offering fit wagons for loading, relaxations in levy of demurrage charges, better conditions in loading points, competitive rates, supply of New Modified Goods wagons, etc. are some of issues which needs to be addressed.The Railways have said that every effort would be made to remove even minor irritants and create a very conducive environment at all loading points. Customers have been asked to put forward their genuine grievances for redressal. Railway Board has also set up a Committee to resolve all policy issues raised by Divisions in maximum one weeks' time.

DSS stages protest

Opposing the implementation of the amended Land Reforms Act and condemning the act of miscreants who had vandalised Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's house 'Rajgruha' in Mumbai recently, about 100 people under the banner of Dalita Sangarsha Samithi (DSS) staged a protest near Deputy Commissioner's Office this morning. The agitators urged the State Government not to implement the amended Land Reforms Act besides urging the Maharashtra Government to arrest the miscreants, who had vandalised 'Rajgruha' under the Goonda Act.

Care centres being readied for COVID-19 infected MCC employees

Mysuru, July 10 (SBD&DM)- Days after a Health Section employee tested positive for the deadly COVID-19, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is gearing up for establishing a special care centre for its employees as five of its staff, including a Health Inspector and a case worker, have tested positive. The MCC is also awaiting the Lab reports of 15 other employees.

Anticipating more trouble as most of its staff and Pourakarmikas are part of the frontline warriors battling the deadly virus, the MCC, leaving no chances, is readying the Mayor House, MCC Guest House in Vontikoppal and the BCM Hostel in Bogadi, for turning them into COVID care centres for its staff.

As a first step, these buildings were sanitised on Thursday and beds were arranged. The MCC officials and other staff who are found COVID-19 symptomatic will be treated here.

With over 2,000 Pourakarmikas working for the MCC, the civic body has taken over two BCM Hostels in Bogadi, for converting them into COVID care centres. While one Hostel will be used as a quarantine centre for symptomatic Pourakarmikas, the other will be used as Isolation Centre for asymptomatic civic workers.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that 14 COVID-19 suspects can be housed in the Mayor House and MCC Guest House in Vontikoppal.

Also two BCM Hostels in Bogadi have been taken over after obtaining the permission of the Deputy Commissioner. While one will be used as a quarantine facility, the other will be used for isolation and all preparations for turning the venues into COVID care centres will be completed by Saturday, he said and added that the MCC staff currently on deputation at the designated COVID-19 Hospital, will be asked to take care of the two facilities in Vontikoppal. He further said that the services of private doctors too will be utilised for treatment of infected staff.

MCC Main Office and Law Courts to re-open on Monday

Mysuru, July 10 (RK&DM)- The MCC Main Office on Sayyaji Rao road, which was shutdown on Tuesday after a staff tested COVID-19 positive and the District Law Courts Complex and the New Court Complex at Malalawadi in Jayanagar, which were shut on Wednesday after an advocate tested positive, will re-open on Monday.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that although the MCC Office was supposed to re-open on Thursday after a two-day shut down, has not been opened as the Lab reports of the primary contacts of the infected employee is yet to come. Also, as Saturday and Sunday are Government holidays, the MCC Main Office will re-open on Monday, he said.

As far as the two City Courts are concerned, Mysuru Bar Association President M. Anandkumar said that although the proceedings in the two Courts were supposed to resume today (Friday) after a two-day shut down, the proceedings will resume only on Monday as per the direction from the Principal District and Sessions Court Judge.

Meanwhile, the Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic), located on Vinoba road in Shivarampet, which was sealed down on July 2 after a lady Constable tested COVID-19 positive, is yet to re-open.

No entry

to Mysore Palace for three days from today

Mysuru, July 10 - The Mysore Palace has been shut for three days for visitors from today (July 10) as a public health safety measure, after a Camel caretaker working in the Palace tested COVID-19 positive.

The entire Palace premises is being sanitised and disinfected. Saturday and Sunday are usual holidays and today's shutdown means, the Palace will remain closed for visitors for three days from July 10 to 12. The Palace will re-open for visitors on Monday, according to Palace Board sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Troubadour

Pronunciation: TROO-buh-dor.
Meaning: One of a class of lyric poets and poet-musicians often of knightly rank who flourished from the 11th to the end of the 13th century chiefly in the south of France and the north of Italy and whose major theme was courtly love; a singer especially of folk songs.
Origin: In the Middle Ages, troubadours were the shining knights of poetry (in fact, some were ranked as high as knights in the feudal class structure). Troubadours made chivalry a high art, writing poems and singing about chivalrous love, creating the mystique of refined damsels, and glorifying the gallant knight on his charger. Troubadour was a fitting name for such creative artists: it derives from an Old Occitan word meaning "to compose." In modern contexts, troubadour still refers to the song-meisters of the Middle Ages, but it has been extended to cover contemporary poet-musicians as well.
Example: "John Prine was a raspy-voiced heartland troubadour who wrote and performed songs about faded hopes, failing marriages, flies in the kitchen and the desperation of people just getting by. He was, as one of his songs put it, the bard of 'broken hearts and dirty windows.'" — Matt Schudel

THE ODD WORD

Tabatière

Snuff-box.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Take potluck

Meaning: Take one's chance as to what meal one is served when accepting another's hospitality. Also, in the USA, potluck is the name of a communal meal, in which participants each bring a dish to be shared.
Origin: 'Take potluck' originated in the UK in the 16th century. The original 'take one's chance at what is being served' meaning is still the one that is used and understood there and everywhere else outside of the USA. Thomas Nashe recorded the term in Strange newes, of the intercepting certaine letters, and a convoy of verses, 1592: "That, that pure sanguine complexion of yours may neuer be famisht with potte-lucke."
The American 'bring food to a party' meaning was defined in an entry in American Speech in 1924: "Pot luck, food contributed by the guest. To take pot luck is to bring food with one to a party."
The use of the hyphen in the early citation of potte-lucke indicates that the expression may well have been in use earlier than the 16th century. Many words have taken the journey from two words -> hyphenated pair -> single compound word.

QUOTE BOX

To be successful you can't show up to the potluck with just a fork.

—Dave Liniger

RIDDLE THIS

What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

Answer: The future.

SUDOKU

			4		5	2		
1			6					
	7						8	4
	5	1			2			3
				3				
6			9			7	4	
3	8						9	
					7			6
		5	1		9			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	6	5	8	7	4	3	9	1
1	9	3	6	5	2	8	7	4
4	7	8	9	1	3	6	2	5
5	1	9	4	8	6	7	3	2
7	8	4	3	2	5	1	6	9
6	3	2	7	9	1	5	4	8
9	5	6	1	4	7	2	8	3
8	2	7	5	3	9	4	1	6
3	4	1	2	6	8	9	5	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A sound to attract attention ?
5 The devil himself
10 Tableland
13 Longing to scratch
14 Set free
15 Taunt or bother
16 Holds the attention
18 One of the Three Stooges?
19 Cunning like a fox?
20 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
24 Managed
27 Horrific fire
29 Sent by post?
32 Messenger's journey
33 Fall into line
35 To this point in time
36 Non-flowering stemless water plant - "gala" anagram?
37 Video game mfr.
39 Obsolete, in short
42 Mixture of dried flower petals
45 Hoglike mammal
49 Wall-building Roman emperor
50 Myanmar is its new name
51 Venezuelan river
52 ___ up : imagine or invent?
53 Beastly retreats?

DOWN

1 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
2 Use ears
3 Facilitates
4 Breakfast food
5 ____ tight : refuses to budge or yield, in a way?
6 Took nourishment
7 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
8 American Helicopter Society
9 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
10 Proper or prissy
11 NBC's Jay?
12 Adjusting
17 N. England river
20 Simple or pure
21 Extended musical composition
22 Girl's name - "Nan" changed?
23 Physique
25 Sporty car __ Romeo
26 Modern: pref.
28 Pan-broil
29 Ministry of Civil Aviation
30 Net giant: abbr.
31 Fleming villain (2,2)
34 Technique, operation or application
38 Go ___ : become very angry?
40 Bric-a- ___ : Miscellaneous curios
41 Combining form for Chinese
42 Baby carriage
43 Norse deity - identified with the Teutonic Wotan
44 Ashes are kept in them
45 To Be Determined
46 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
47 Prefix for fix
48 Integrated Modular Avionics

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		P	A	K			A	R	E			
	M	U	N	A	F		B	U	B	K	A	
G	E	N	E	R	A		A	L	O	U	D	
R	A	T	T	A	T		F	E	N	N	E	L
E	N	S		C	H	A	T	S		G	P	S
			S	H	O	D			E	F	T	S
	A	C	R	I	M	O	N	I	O	U	S	
P	O	L	O				R	A	N	N		
S	R	I		W	E	E	P	S		B	Y	E
I	T	C	H	E	N		A	I	S	L	E	S
	A	H	E	A	D		L	P	L	A	T	E
	S	E	R	V	E		M	I	A	M	I	
		B	E	D				D	Y	E		

			1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
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		24	25	26		27		28				
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				42				43	44			
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50						51						
52						53						

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UFF CPUC VI PNRUQ RNIC XDCXSEXUAD

VZ VC ASDI QSC UAWUQGD.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS A

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nothing is more consuming, or more illogical, than the desire for remembrance.

Safaris, resorts in Bandipur, Nagarahole out of bounds

DC appeals elected reps, public not to organise events to contain virus spread

Mysuru, July 10 (BCT)- A sudden spike in COVID-19 positive cases has forced the Mysuru District Administration to direct authorities of the tiger reserves and accommodation facilities to suspend their activities in H.D. Kote and Hunsur taluks.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar's order applies to Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves and all its safari points including Dammanakatte, lodges, resorts and hotels. Even the Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy has banned safaris and resorts in the areas that come under Kodagu jurisdiction.

It may be mentioned here that safari camps, resorts, home stays and hotels were closed in March as a precautionary measure. Later as part of the unlocking measures, they were allowed to operate since June 17. However, there was hardly any footfall as people were apprehensive.

The DC issued the orders to accommodation facilities to suspend their activities under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations-2020 and Disaster Management Act of 2005. Accommodation facilities have been asked to cancel both online and offline bookings. The tourists who are already staying in the resorts are allowed to complete their stay and there will be no forcible eviction.

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Also, the Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserves in Chamarajanagar district has been shut for visitors. "Those who have checked into Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) today or before can continue and opt for safari as per the JLR package. There will be no new check-ins," the DC said.

DC appeals to cancel programmes

The DC has urged the public and elected representatives of Mysuru district to either postpone or cancel their public programmes. Programmes such as foundation laying ceremony, inaugural ceremony and others must be suspended in the wake of virus spread, the DC appealed.

In a communication, the DC has stated that virus is resulting in deaths and to contain the spread of the infection, it is requested either to cancel or postpone the scheduled programmes. "Do not organise events where people gather in large numbers. There is a need for crowd regulation. If people must organise functions only under inevitable circumstances, they must limit the number of guests to fewer than 20," the appeal stated.

Outreach by Activism

Remembering two NGOs who did significant outreaching during COVID-19 in and around Mysuru

By A.S. Dasan

Charitable and sensitising social outreaches can be powerful positive statements in times of pain and anguish faced by the citizenry, especially the powerless masses of a nation like India. They instil hope with a soothing sense of optimism that there is a better tomorrow beyond hard times, such as 'the times of Corona Pandemic', endured like a war-time phenomenon.

They witness to the fact that the poor and the needy, particularly the poorest among the poor, who are often the hardest-hit during these times are NOT left alone, or remain disconnected from the mainstream.

In these outreaches, compassion stands out as an outstanding virtue inspiring dedicated NGO volunteers to outreach in their own unique ways, propelling them to take philanthropy to the doors of masses and building a humane rapport with them.

This was exactly what these two independent NGOs — **Jain Samaj and Reachout India** — had been doing since the unwelcome arrival of COVID-19. I am personally aware of the dynamism, dedication and commitment with which they got involved in the social tasks ahead of them every day in those hard and haunting times in April and May, 2020. Their interventions were small and tiny like mustard seeds but the impact they have created in the lives of poor speaks volumes of what a difference, very different from what government agencies do, it could make when NGOs address a social predicament.

'Hands of Support Extended by Jain Samaj'

Jain Samaj, launched by Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan, Mysore, under the guidance of Budhmal Bagmar, Rajan Bagmar, Manohar Sankala, current office-bearers of the Samaj, outreached as a dedicated team led by Navarathan Darla, the Project Director of the Samaj, who has a passion for reaching out to the poor, along with Deepak Bhora, Gautham Gandhi, YeshwanthMutha, Jamboo Lodha, Gautham Patwa, Sunil Patwa and Sanjay Kothari. The Samaj was in the forefront on war-footing since the first phase of the COVID-19 lockdown was announced in India.

With the help of contributions received from among friends and business men approached, the Jain Samaj has had an extensive outreach till date to almost all the areas where the voiceless poor live in and around the city, even reaching out to migrant labourers residing in the interior of Bilikere, Mahadevapura and Mandya, distributing thousands of boxes with basic provisions meant for two to three weeks for a family of four, feeding the hungry and the needy, and feeding cows and bulls too at Pinjrapole farmyard during varied phases of the lockdown.

Extensive field-visits and checks and verifications were done to ensure that the reach-out reached directly the poor and the needy. They did rope in a few politicians and Police officers wherever required but everything was carried out without any political speeches or paraphernalia, or publicity. Their outreach was marked with a personal touch and rapport that enabled the poor to understand and appreciate what it meant to be compassionate, caring for one another all the more during these trying times.

'Reachout India'

The other social outreach done by an NGO, christened as 'Reachout India', was led by Manasa Rao, a 24-year-old law graduate from the family of C.R. Hanumanth of DRC Cinemas, and Dr. Sagarika Nithyanand, a 28-year-old doctor from the family of Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao, a well-known Orthopaedic specialist from Mysuru. Both of them had an extraordinary perception of ground realities and a crystal clear vision of how to go about while addressing the concerns of the poor womenfolk.

Other volunteers, all in their prime youth — Krishna Rao, Dr. Sahas Nithyanand, Ishraq Fazal, Shariq Fazal, Dev Devaiah, Casuarina D'sa, Disha Prasad, Anek Chugh, Rachita Prabhu, Pradyumna Devaraj, Dr. Shradha Surana, S.P. Abhinav, Nikita Rajpal, Pratheek Poovaiah and Mohit Bekal, too joined them in the reach-out.

Their reach-out was a unique one. They moved on sensitising the womenfolk living in slums, shanties, migrants' colonies, and certain other areas not well cared for, with focus on 'menstrual hygiene', a fact of life that is often bypassed 'as not to be spoken about in public' as if it were a social taboo. These youngsters were actively involved in a door-to-door mission distributing more than ten thousand menstrual hygiene kits with sanitary pads, bathing soap and hand sanitisers among daily wage and migrant womenfolk.

It is time that the Mysuru City and District authorities come forward to identify, recognise and honour such NGOs and the persons behind them.

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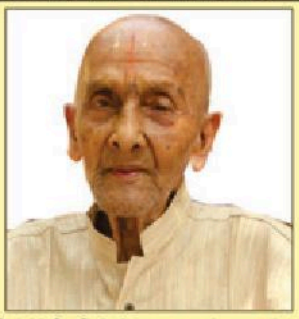

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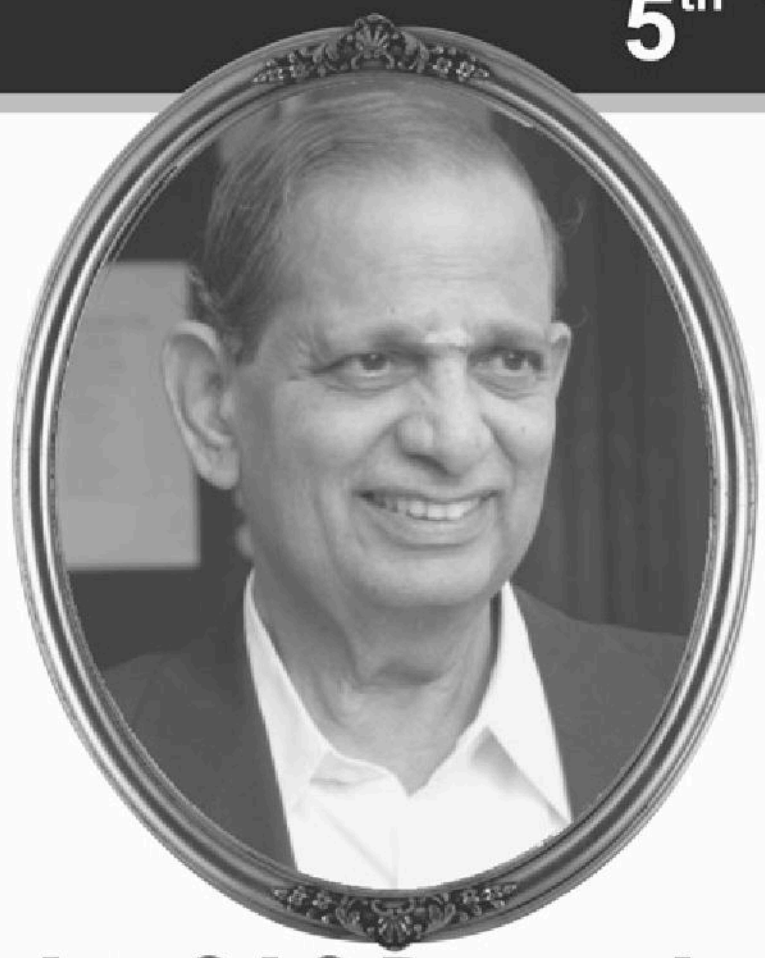

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